

### **REMARKS**

Applicant(s) have made an election as required by the Office Action dated December 9, 2009. Claim 21 has been amended in a matter to improve its clarity. This election is made without traverse.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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